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The Unified Medical Language System
What is it and how to use it?



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Outline

- ◆ What is the UMLS?
 - Introduction
 - Overview through an example
 - The three UMLS Knowledge Sources
- ◆ How to use the UMLS?
 - Obtaining a license
 - Remote access
 - Local installation and customization
 - A UMLS-based algorithm
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Part I

What is the UMLS?

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 - UMLS Metathesaurus
 - UMLS Semantic Network
 - SPECIALIST Lexicon and lexical tools

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Part I

What is the UMLS?

(1) Introduction

What does UMLS stand for?

- ◆ Unified
- ◆ Medical
- ◆ Language
- ◆ System



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Unified Medical Language System®
UMLS Metathesaurus®

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Motivation

- ◆ Started in 1986
- ◆ National Library of Medicine
- ◆ “Long-term R&D project”
- ◆ Complementary to IAIMS
(Integrated Academic Information Management Systems)

«[...] the UMLS project is an effort to overcome two significant barriers to effective retrieval of machine-readable information.

- The first is the variety of ways the same concepts are expressed in different machine-readable sources and by different people.
- The second is the [distribution] of useful information among many disparate databases and systems.»



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The UMLS in practice

- ◆ Database
 - Series of relational files
- ◆ Interfaces
 - Web interface: Knowledge Source Server (UMLSKS)
 - Application programming interfaces (Java and XML-based)
- ◆ Applications
 - Ivg (lexical programs)
 - MetamorphoSys (installation and customization)

The UMLS is *not* an end-user application

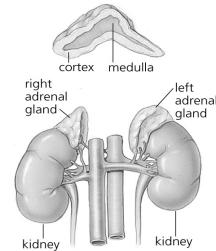
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Part I What is the UMLS?

(2) Overview through an example

Addison's disease

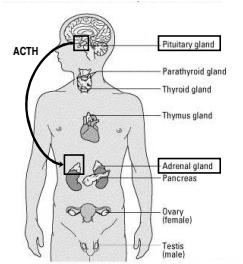
- ◆ Addison's disease is a rare endocrine disorder
- ◆ Addison's disease occurs when the adrenal glands do not produce enough of the hormone cortisol
- ◆ For this reason, the disease is sometimes called chronic adrenal insufficiency, or hypocortisolism



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Adrenal insufficiency Clinical variants

- ◆ Primary / Secondary
 - Primary: lesion of the adrenal glands themselves
 - Secondary: inadequate secretion of ACTH by the pituitary gland
- ◆ Acute / Chronic
- ◆ Isolated / Polyendocrine deficiency syndrome



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Addison's disease: Symptoms

- ◆ Fatigue
- ◆ Weakness
- ◆ Low blood pressure
- ◆ Pigmentation of the skin (exposed and non-exposed parts of the body)
- ◆ ...



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AD in medical vocabularies

◆ Synonyms: different terms

- Addisonian syndrome] eponym
- Bronzed disease] symptoms
- Addison melanoderma]
- Asthenia pigmentosa]
- Primary adrenal deficiency]
- Primary adrenal insufficiency]
- Primary adrenocortical insufficiency]
- Chronic adrenocortical insufficiency] clinical variants

◆ Contexts: different hierarchies



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Organize terms

- ◆ Synonymous terms clustered into a concept
- ◆ Preferred term
- ◆ Unique identifier (CUI)

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Adrenal gland diseases | MeSH | D000307 |
| Adrenal disorder | AOD | 0000005418 |
| Disorder of adrenal gland | Read | C15z. |
| Diseases of the adrenal glands | SNOMED | DB-70000 |

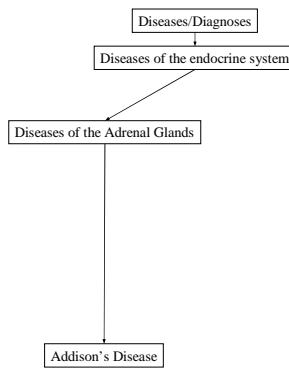
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Adrenal Gland Diseases

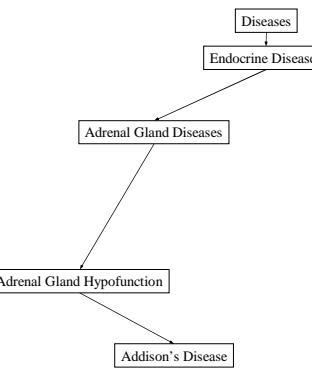


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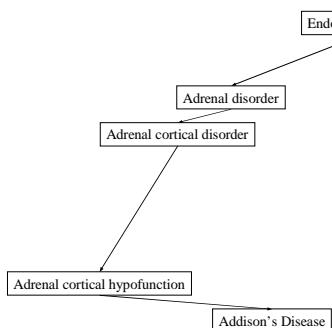
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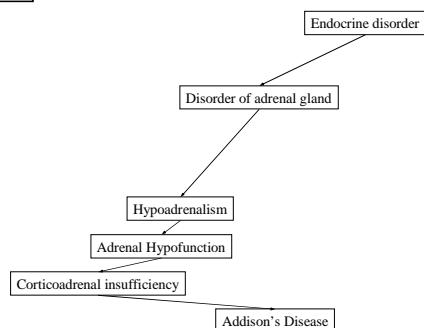
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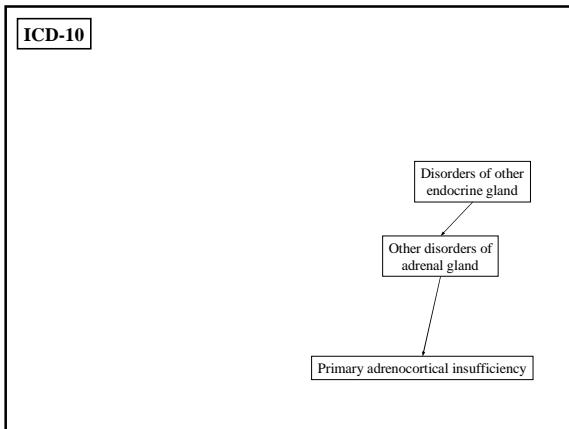


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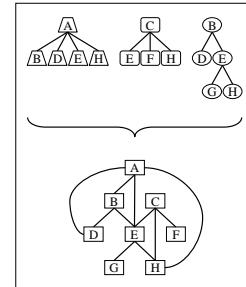


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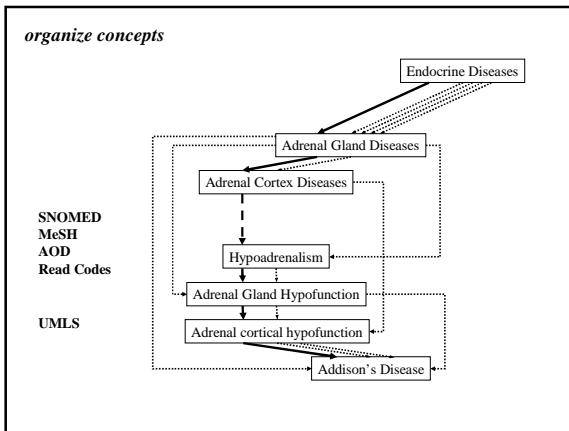


**Organize concepts**

- ◆ Inter-concept relationships: hierarchies from the source vocabularies
- ◆ Redundancy: multiple paths
- ◆ One graph instead of multiple trees (multiple inheritance)



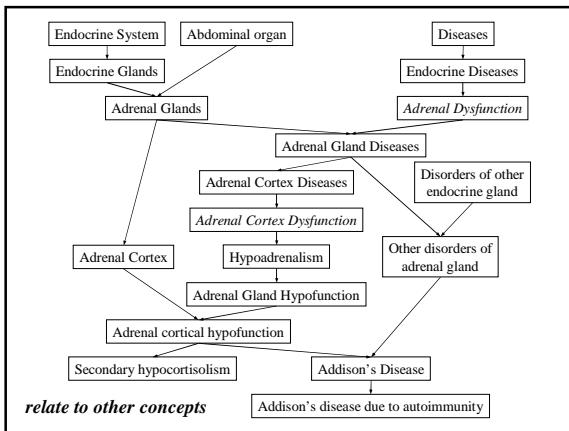
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**Relate to other concepts**

- ◆ Additional hierarchical relationships
 - link to other trees
 - make relationships explicit
- ◆ Non-hierarchical relationships
- ◆ Co-occurring concepts
- ◆ Mapping relationships



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**Categorize concepts**

- ◆ High-level categories (semantic types)
- ◆ Assigned by the Metathesaurus editors
- ◆ Independently of the hierarchies in which these concepts are located



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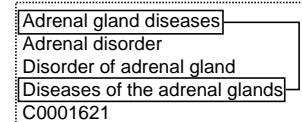
How do they do that?

- ◆ Lexical knowledge
- ◆ Semantic pre-processing
- ◆ UMLS editors



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Lexical knowledge



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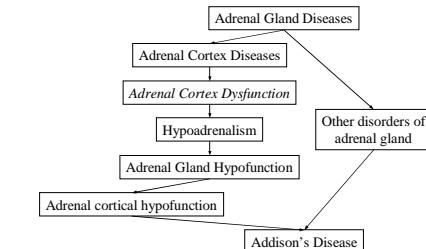
Semantic pre-processing

- ◆ Metadata in the source vocabularies
- ◆ Tentative categorization
- ◆ Positive (or negative) evidence for tentative synonymy relations based on lexical features



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Additional knowledge: UMLS editors



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UMLS Summary

- ◆ Synonymous terms clustered into concepts
- ◆ Unique identifier
- ◆ Finer granularity
- ◆ Broader scope
- ◆ Additional hierarchical relationships
- ◆ Semantic categorization



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Part I What is the UMLS?

(3) UMLS Knowledge Sources

UMLS 3 components

- ◆ Metathesaurus
 - Concepts
 - Inter-concept relationships
- ◆ Semantic Network
 - Semantic types
 - Semantic network relationships
- ◆ Lexical resources
 - SPECIALIST Lexicon
 - Lexical tools



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UMLS Metathesaurus

Metathesaurus Basic organization

- ◆ Concepts
 - Synonymous terms are clustered into a concept
 - Properties are attached to concepts, e.g.,
 - Unique identifier
 - Definition
- ◆ Relations
 - Concepts are related to other concepts
 - Properties are attached to relations, e.g.,
 - Type of relationship
 - Source



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Source Vocabularies

(2005AA)

- ◆ 134 source vocabularies
 - 132 contributing concept names
- ◆ ~80 families of vocabularies
 - multiple translations (e.g., MeSH, ICPC, ICD-10)
 - variants (American-English equivalents, Australian extension/adaptation)
 - subsequent editions usually considered distinct families (ICD: 9-10; DSM: IIIR-IV)
- ◆ Broad coverage of biomedicine
- ◆ Common presentation



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Biomedical terminologies

- ◆ General vocabularies
 - anatomy (UWDA, Neuronames)
 - drugs (RxNorm, First DataBank, Micromedex)
 - medical devices (UMD, SPN)
- ◆ Several perspectives
 - clinical terms (SNOMED CT)
 - information sciences (MeSH, CRISP)
 - administrative terminologies (ICD-9-CM, CPT-4)
 - data exchange terminologies (HL7, LOINC)



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Biomedical terminologies (cont'd)

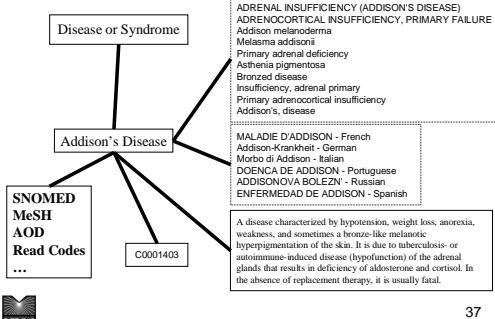
- ◆ Specialized vocabularies
 - nursing (NIC, NOC, NANDA, Omaha, PCDS)
 - dentistry (CDT)
 - oncology (PDQ)
 - psychiatry (DSM, APA)
 - adverse reactions (COSTART, WHO ART)
 - primary care (ICPC)
- ◆ Terminology of knowledge bases (AI/Rheum, DXplain, QMR)



The UMLS serves as a vehicle for the regulatory standards
(HIPAA, CHI)

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Addison's Disease: Concept



Metathesaurus Concepts

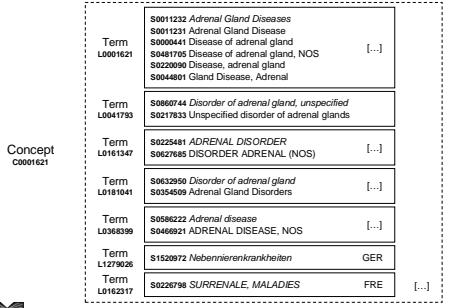
(2005AA)

- ◆ Concept (~ 1.2M) CUI
 - Set of synonymous concept names
- ◆ Term (~ 4.2 M) LUI
 - Set of normalized names
- ◆ String (~ 4.7M) SUI
 - Distinct concept name
- ◆ Atom (~ 5.5M) AUI
 - Concept name in a given source

| | | |
|----------|-----------|------------|
| A0000001 | headache | (source 1) |
| A0000002 | headache | (source 2) |
| S0000001 | | |
| A0000003 | Headache | (source 1) |
| A0000004 | Headache | (source 2) |
| S0000002 | | |
| L0000001 | | |
| A0000005 | Cephalgia | (source 1) |
| S0000003 | | |
| L0000002 | | |
| C0000001 | | |

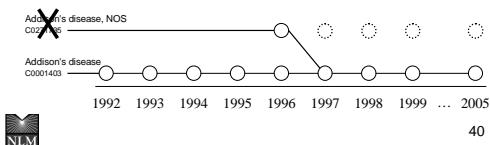
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Cluster of synonymous terms



Metathesaurus Evolution over time

- ◆ Concepts never die (in principle)
 - CUIs are permanent identifiers
- ◆ What happens when they do die (in reality)?
 - Concepts can merge or split
 - Resulting in new concepts and deletions



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Metathesaurus Relationships

- ◆ Symbolic relations: ~9 M pairs of concepts
- ◆ Statistical relations : ~7 M pairs of concepts (co-occurring concepts)
- ◆ Mapping relations: 100,000 pairs of concepts

- ◆ Categorization: Relationships between concepts and semantic types from the Semantic Network



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Symbolic relations

- ◆ Relation
 - Pair of "atom" identifiers
 - Type
 - Attribute (if any)
 - List of sources (for type and attribute)
- ◆ Semantics of the relationship: defined by its type [and attribute]

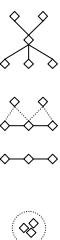
Source transparency: the information is recorded at the "atom" level



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Symbolic relationships Type

- ◆ Hierarchical
 - Parent / Child PAR/CHD
 - Broader / Narrower than RB/RN
- ◆ Derived from hierarchies
 - Siblings (children of parents) SIB
- ◆ Associative
 - Other RO
- ◆ Various flavors of near-synonymy
 - Similar RL
 - Source asserted synonymy SY
 - Possible synonymy RQ



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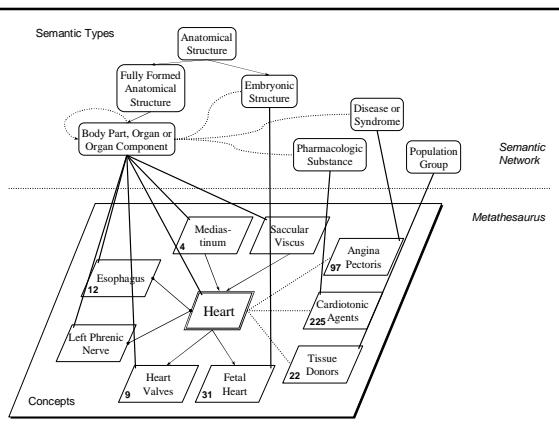


Symbolic relationships Attribute

- ◆ Hierarchical
 - isa (is-a-kind-of)
 - part-of
- ◆ Associative
 - location-of
 - caused-by
 - treats
 - ...
- ◆ Cross-references (mapping)



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UMLS Semantic Network

Semantic Network

- ◆ Semantic types (135)
 - tree structure
 - 2 major hierarchies
 - Entity
 - Physical Object
 - Conceptual Entity
 - Event
 - Activity
 - Phenomenon or Process



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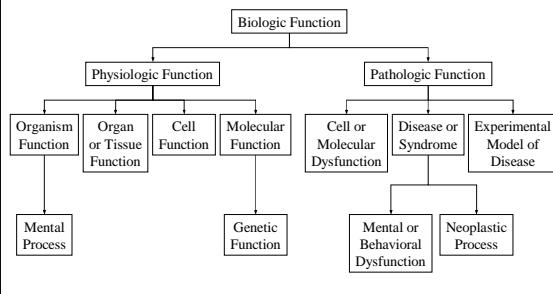
Semantic Network

- ◆ Semantic network relationships (54)
 - hierarchical (isa = is a kind of)
 - among types
 - Animal *isa* Organism
 - Enzyme *isa* Biologically Active Substance
 - among relations
 - treats *isa* affects
 - non-hierarchical
 - Sign or Symptom *diagnoses* Pathologic Function
 - Pharmacologic Substance *treats* Pathologic Function



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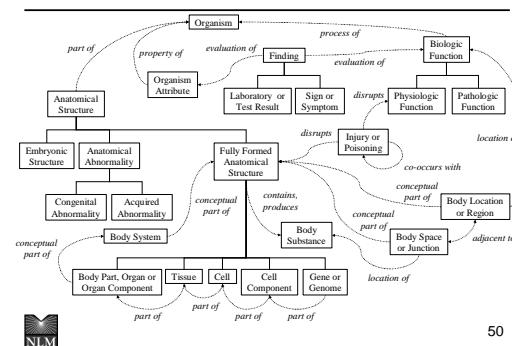
“Biologic Function” hierarchy (isa)



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Associative (non-isa) relationships



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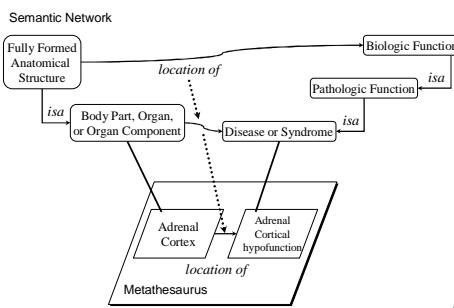
Why a semantic network?

- ◆ Semantic Types serve as high level categories assigned to Metathesaurus concepts, *independently of their position in a hierarchy*
- ◆ A relationship between 2 Semantic Types (ST) is a possible link between 2 concepts that have been assigned to those STs
 - The relationship may or may not hold at the concept level
 - Other relationships may apply at the concept level



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Relationships can inherit semantics



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SPECIALIST Lexicon and lexical tools

SPECIALIST Lexicon

- ◆ Content
 - English lexicon
 - Many words from the biomedical domain
- ◆ 200,000+ lexical items
- ◆ Word properties
 - morphology
 - orthography
 - syntax
- ◆ Used by the lexical tools



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Morphology

◆ Inflection

- noun nucleus, nuclei
- verb cauterize, cauterizes, cauterized, cauterizing
- adjective red, redder, reddest

◆ Derivation

- verb ⇔ noun cauterize -- cauterization
- adjective ⇔ noun red -- redness



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Orthography

◆ Spelling variants

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| • oe/e | oesophagus - esophagus |
| • ae/e | anaemia - anemia |
| • ise/ize | cauterise - cauterize |
| • genitive mark | Addison's disease Addison disease Addisons disease |



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Syntax

◆ Complementation

- verbs
 - intransitive I'll treat.
 - transitive He treated the patient.
 - ditransitive He treated the patient with a drug.
- nouns
 - prepositional phrase
Valve of coronary sinus

◆ Position for adjectives



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Lexical tools

◆ To manage lexical variation in biomedical terminologies

◆ Major tools

- Normalization
- Indexes
- Lexical Variant Generation program (lvg)

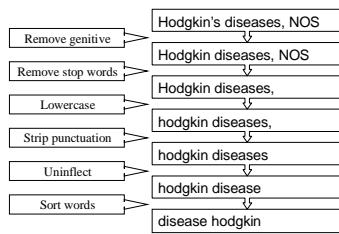
◆ Based on the SPECIALIST Lexicon

◆ Used by noun phrase extractors, search engines



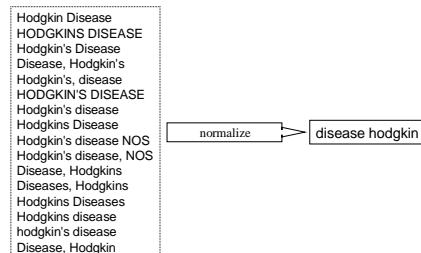
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Normalization



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Normalization: Example



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Normalization Applications

- ◆ Model for lexical resemblance
- ◆ Help find lexical variants for a term
 - Terms that normalize the same usually share the same LUI
- ◆ Help find candidates to synonymy among terms
- ◆ Help map input terms to UMLS concepts



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Indexes

- ◆ Word index
 - word to Metathesaurus strings
 - one word index per language
- ◆ Normalized word index
 - normalized word to Metathesaurus strings
 - English only
- ◆ Normalized string index
 - normalized term to Metathesaurus strings
 - English only



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Lexical Variant Generation program

- ◆ Tool for specialists (linguists)
- ◆ Performs atomic lexical transformations
 - generating inflectional variants
 - lowercase
 - ...
- ◆ Performs sequences of atomic transformations
 - a specialized sequence of transformations provides the normalized form of a term (the *norm* program)



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Part II

How to use the UMLS?

Outline

- ◆ Part II: *How to use the UMLS?*
 - Obtaining a license
 - Remote access
 - Knowledge Source Server (UMLSKS)
 - UMLSKS Application programming interface (API)
 - Local installation and customization (MetamorphoSys)
 - A UMLS-based algorithm: *Restrict to MeSH*
 - Benefits and limitations



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Part II

How to use the UMLS?

(1) Obtaining a license

First step License agreement

◆ Online Web-based license:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/license.html>

- Read license
- Read appendix
- Print a copy for your records
- Complete the Web form

◆ Verify:

- receive e-mail from NLM; go to Web site within 72 hours and enter first and last name
- NLM official will countersign (turn-around time of a few days)
- Receive 2nd e-mail from NLM with new license number



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NLM is working toward inclusion in the UMLS Metathesaurus of the complete, current edition of most of these vocabulary sources.

AIR93 AI/RHEUM Bethesda, (MD): National Library of Medicine, Lister Hill Center, 1993.

Contact: May Cheh, Lister Hill Center, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda MD; e-mail: cheh@nlm.nih.gov

ALT2003 Alternative Billing Concepts (AltLink), Albuquerque (NM): Alternative Link LLC, 2003.

CATEGORY 3 RESTRICTIONS APPLY

Contact: Alternative Link LLC, 6121 Indian School Road NE, Suite 131; Albuquerque, NM 87110; phone: 877-621-5465;
<http://www.alternativelink.com> e-mail: mail@alternativelink.com

VANDF03 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration National Drug File, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC. Release Date: March 13, 2003.

*NOTE: Now a CATEGORY 0

Contact: Steven Brown, CEP Office; 1310 24th Avenue S; Nashville, TN 37215; e-mail: Steven.Brown@msd.va.gov

WHO97 WHO Adverse Drug Reaction Terminology (WHOART), Uppsala (Sweden): WHO Collaborating Centre for International Drug Monitoring, 1997.

CATEGORY 2 RESTRICTIONS APPLY

The Metathesaurus includes translations of WHO97 in French (WHOFR97), German (WHOGER_1997), Portuguese (WHOPOR_1997), and Spanish (WHOESP_1997).

Contact: WHO Collaborating Centre for International Drug Monitoring, Stora Target 3, S-753 20 Uppsala, Sweden; fax: 18-556090

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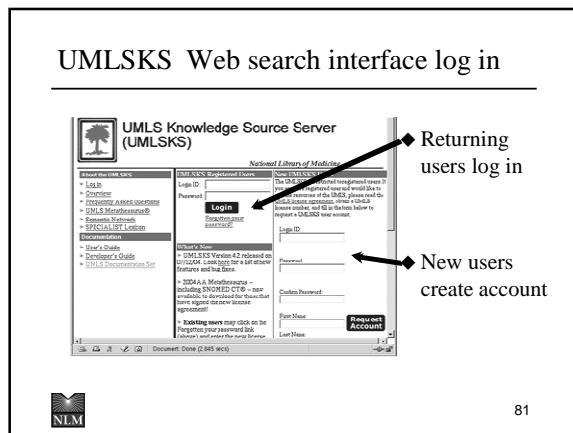
Remote Access

- ◆ UMLS Knowledge Source Server:
<http://umlsks.nlm.nih.gov>
- ◆ Web search interface
- ◆ Application Programming Interface (API)

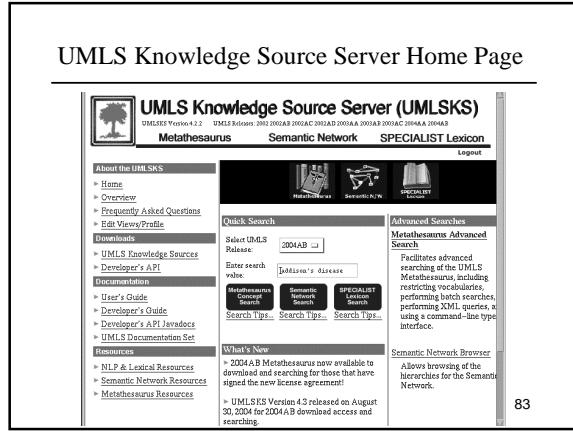
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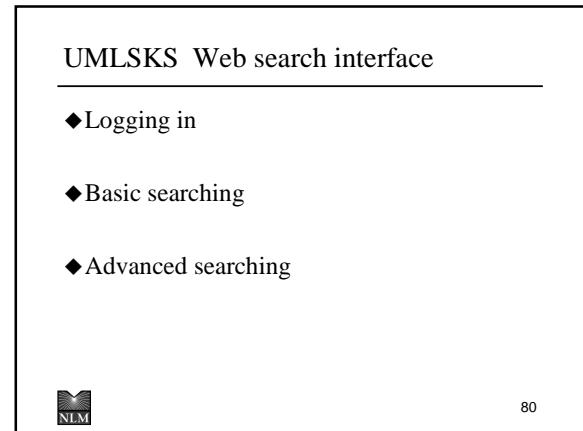
Knowledge Source Server Web search interface



UMLS Knowledge Source Server Home Page



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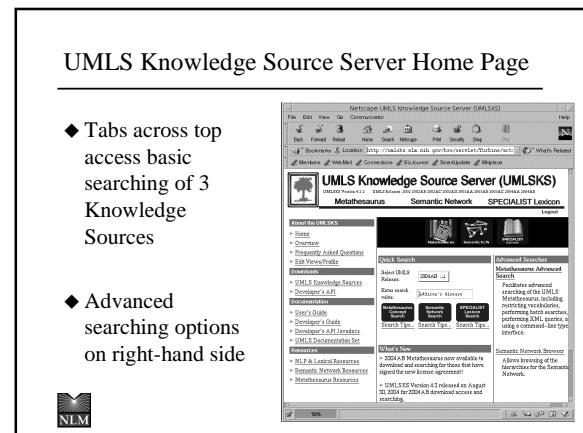


UMLS Knowledge Source Server Home Page

- ◆ Logging in
- ◆ Basic searching
- ◆ Advanced searching

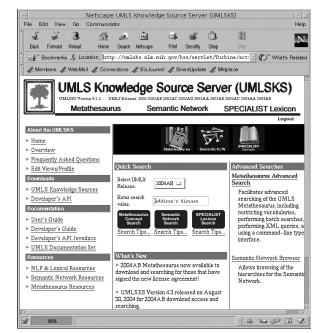


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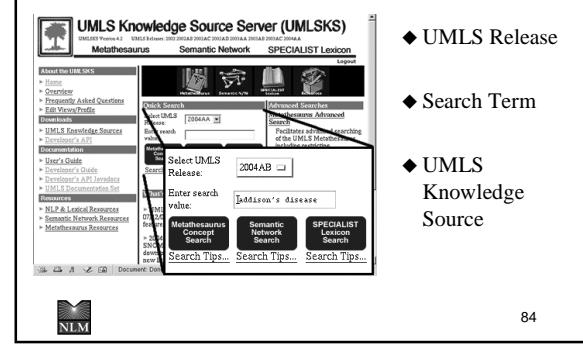


UMLS Knowledge Source Server Home Page

- ◆ Tabs across top access basic searching of 3 Knowledge Sources
- ◆ Advanced searching options on right-hand side



Metathesaurus Basic Search *Addison's disease*



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Concept Report Addison's disease

◆ Concept Name /CUI
CUI: C0001403
Semantic Type: Disease or Syndrome

◆ Semantic Type(s)

◆ Definition(s)
A disease characterized by hypotension, weight loss, anorexia, weakness, and sometimes a bronze-like melanotic hyperpigmentation of the skin. It is due to bilateral— or adrenocortical—reduced disease (hypofunction) of the adrenal glands that results in either primary failure of the adrenals or the absence of replacement therapy. (MeSH)

◆ Synonyms
Addison's disease
ADRENAL DISEASE
ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY (DISEASE-PSE)
ADRENOCORTICAL INSUFFICIENCY, PRIMARY FAILURE
ADRENAL PIGMENTATION
Bronzed disease

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Display All

◆ “Display” shows results for selected options

◆ “Display All” shows results for all available options

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Metthesaurus Basic Search
Adrenal gland insufficiency

◆ Specify:
• UMLS Release
• Search term

◆ Algorithm:
• Search Normalized String
• Search Normalized Word
• Suggest Spelling

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Basic Concept Report
Adrenal gland insufficiency

◆ Concept Name/CUI
CUI: C0016223
Semantic Type: Disease or Syndrome

◆ Definition(s)
Adrenocortical insufficiency of the adrenal glands may be divided into primary failure of the adrenals associated with a secondary failure due to a primary failure of the pituitary (MeSH)

◆ Synonyms
Adrenal gland hypofunction
Adrenal Gland Insufficiency
Adrenal Hypofunction
Adrenocortical Hypofunction
Synonyms: adrenal gland hypofunction

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Concept Report Display All
Adrenal Gland Insufficiency

◆ Concept Name/CUI
CUI: C0016223
Semantic Type: Disease or Syndrome

◆ Semantic Type(s)

◆ Definition(s)

◆ Synonyms, including foreign languages

◆ Relations (broader, narrower, etc.)

◆ Co-occurrence data

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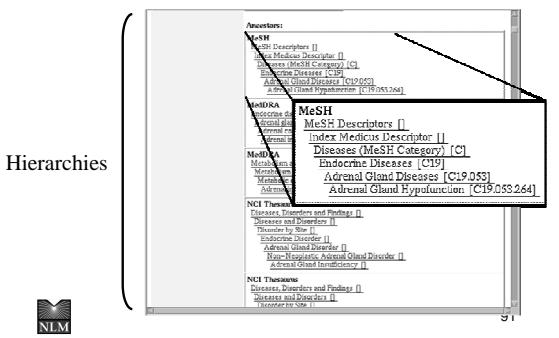
Concept Report Display All (continued)

◆ Synonyms

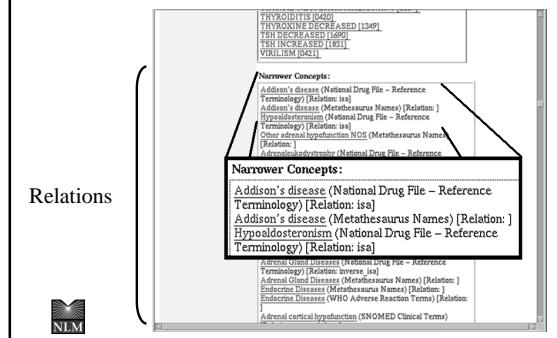
◆ Sources

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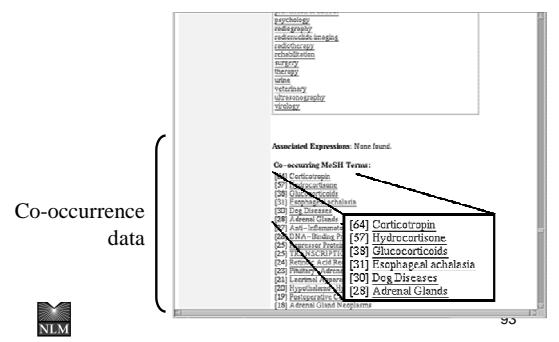
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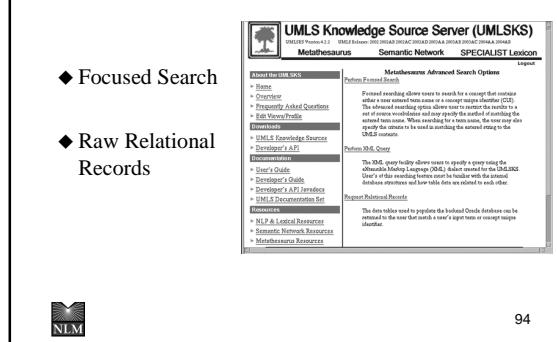
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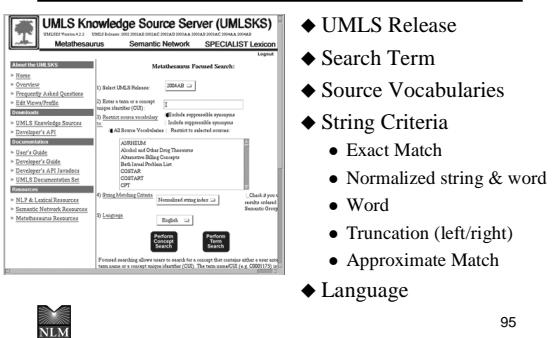
Concept Report Display All (continued)



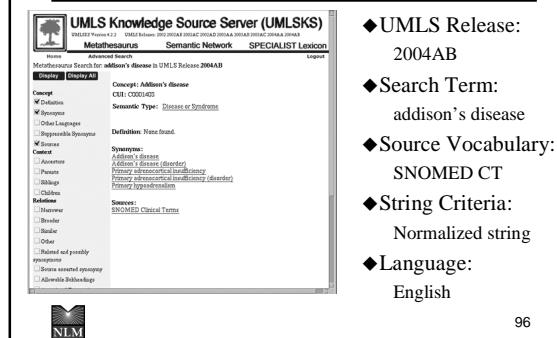
Metathesaurus Advanced Search Options



Metathesaurus Advanced Search Feature Focused Search



Restricted Source Concept Report *Addison's Disease*



Addison's disease in SNOMED CT Preferred Term and Code

The screenshot shows the UMLS Knowledge Source Server (UMLSKS) interface. A search has been performed for "Addison's disease" in UMLS Release 2004AB. The results table includes columns for Term Name, CUI, and Term UI. One result is highlighted: "Term Name: Addison's disease", "CUI: C0001403", and "Term UI: LO001403". Below the table, there is a note: "Users are responsible for complying with UMLS copyright restrictions".

- ◆ TTY: Term Type
- ◆ ID: Source Code Descriptor

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Relational Records MRCONSO.RRF

The screenshot shows a terminal window displaying a large block of text representing relational records from the MRCONSO.RRF file. The text consists of many lines of code, each containing various identifiers and codes related to medical concepts.

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Metathesaurus Advanced Search Feature Relational Record Request

◆ UMLS Release

The screenshot shows the Metathesaurus Advanced Search Feature. A search term "Addison's disease" is entered in the "Enter term or concept" field. The "Select UMLS Release" dropdown is set to "2004AB". The search results table shows one row with the identifier "C0001403". A note at the bottom right states: "Row record returns all rows to search for a concept using either a user entered concept unique identifier (CUI) or a term name which is automatically converted to a CUI by the Metathesaurus. Note that the top few rows may be returned for recall." and "Paging the Perform Concept Search terms will update the display to show the next set of records from the selected table based on the concept identifier you typed".

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◆ Search Term

◆ UMLS Relational Table

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Semantic Network Searching

◆ Select Tab along top

The screenshot shows the UMLS Knowledge Source Server (UMLSKS) interface with the "Semantic Network" tab selected. The main pane displays a search results table for the term "Addison's disease". The left sidebar shows navigation links for Home, Metathesaurus, Semantic Network, and SPECIALIST Lexicon.

◆ Quick search

◆ Advanced Search on right-hand side

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Semantic Network Search

The screenshot shows the UMLS Knowledge Source Server (UMLSKS) Semantic Network search interface. It includes fields for "Semantic Type" (set to "Event") and "Semantic Relation" (set to "adjacent_to"). Below these fields are dropdown menus for "Semantic Types" (e.g., "Acquired Abnormality") and "Semantic Relations" (e.g., "adjacent_to"). A "Find" button is located at the bottom.

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- ◆ Enter search string
- or-
- ◆ Select semantic type
- or-
- ◆ Select semantic relation

Semantic Type Clinical Drug

The screenshot shows the UMLS Knowledge Source Server (UMLSKS) Semantic Type Clinical Drug search results. The search term "Clinical Drug" is entered in the "Semantic Type" field. The results table shows one row with the identifier "T00-T00". A note at the bottom right states: "2004AB Metathesaurus now available to download and searched for those that have been added since the previous release. Metathesaurus, including the Semantic Network, is now performing batch searching, allowing users to search for multiple terms using a command-line type search." and "The Semantic Network browser allows viewing of the Intersections for the Semantic Networks".

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- ◆ Browse ST hierarchy
- ◆ View Concepts with ST
- ◆ View Relations valid for the ST
- ◆ View Raw Relational Records

Show Relations Between Types

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Metathesaurus Semantic Network SPECIALIST Lexicon

Select on element from each list below and click the Submit Query button.

| Type 1: | Relation(s): | Type 2: |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Acquired Abnormality | adjacent_to | Acquired Abnormality |
| Activity | affects | Activity |
| Age Group | assesses | Age Group |
| Alga | assesses_effect_of | Alga |
| Amino Acid Sequence | associated_with | Amino Acid Sequence |

Submit Query **Reset**

◆ Validates whether a selected Semantic Relationship (SR) holds between two selected Semantic Types (ST)

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SPECIALIST Lexicon Searching

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Metathesaurus Semantic Network SPECIALIST Lexicon

Quick Search **Advanced Searches**

Search UMLS 2004AB

Role search [Metathesaurus]

Search Type: General Search Semantic Network MESH Similar Concepts Closest MeSH Terms Main Headings

Where Name: + 2003AB Metathesaurus now available to support batch searching and performing batch searches using a command-line type

Elements Network Browser Allows browsing of the hierarchical structure of the Semantic Network.

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◆ Select Tab along top

◆ Quick search

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SPECIALIST Lexicon Search

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SPECIALIST Lexicon

The SPECIALIST Lexicon is an English language lexicon containing many biomedical terms. The lexicon entry for each word or term records syntactic, morphological, and orthographic information.

Lexical entries may be single or multi-word terms.

View Lexical Records for: []

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SPECIALIST Lexical Record

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Specialist Lexical Record

base-&alias=+ disease
entry=c2000160
cat-type
variants=<input>
View "Addison's disease" in relational format.

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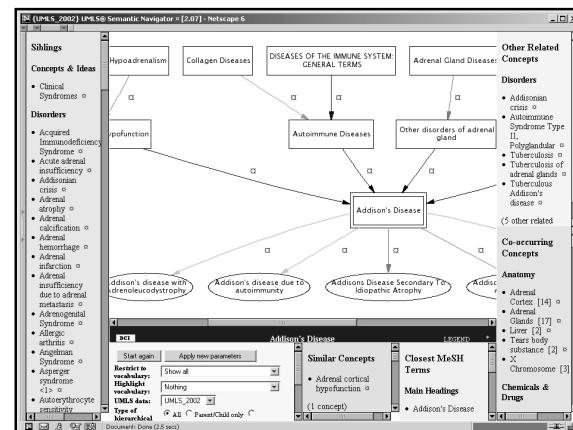
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Sample XML query (1) Current version

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<getCurrentUMLSVersion version="1.0"/>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<CurrentUMLSYear version="1.0">
    2004AB
</CurrentUMLSYear>
```

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Sample XML query (2) Concepts by string

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<findCUI version="1.0">
<conceptName>appendectomy</conceptName>
<language>ENG</language>
<exact/>
<noSuppressibles/>
</findCUI>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ConceptIdCollection version="1.0">
<release>2004AB</release>
<conceptId>
<cui>C0003611</cui>
<cn>Appendectomy</cn>
</conceptId>
</ConceptIdCollection>
```

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Sample XML query (3) Concepts properties

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<getSemanticType version="1.0">
<cui>C0033572</cui>
</getSemanticType>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<SemanticTypeCollection version="1.0">
<release>2004AB</release>
<cui>C0033572</cui>
<cn>Prostate</cn>
<semanticType>
<tui>T023</tui>
<sty>Body Part, Organ,
or Organ Component</sty>
</semanticType>
</SemanticTypeCollection>
```

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Sample XML query (4) Relationships

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<getRelations version="1.0">
<cui>C0033572</cui>
<rel>RO</rel>
</getRelations>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<RelationCollection version="1.0">
[...]
<relation>
<rel>RO</rel>
<cui2>C005001</cui2>
<cn2>Benign prostatic hyperplasia</cn2>
<rela>has_finding_site</rela>
<sab>SNOMEDCT</sab>
<sl>SNOMEDCT</sl>
</relation>
[...]
```

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Sample XML query (5) All semantic type IDs

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<listSemTypeIds version="1.0">
</listSemTypeIds>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<SemNetIdCollection version="1.0">
<release>2004AB</release>
<semnetId>
<name>Acquired Abnormality</name>
<ui>T020</ui>
<semtype/>
<semnetId>
<name>Activity </name>
<ui>T052</ui>
<semtype/>
</semnetId>
[...]
```

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Performing XML queries from UMLSks

The screenshot shows the UMLS Knowledge Source Server (UMLSks) interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with links like 'About the UMLSks', 'Home', 'Overview', 'About the UMLSks', 'About the UMLSS', 'UMLSKs API', 'Developer's API', 'Help', 'Code', 'Developer's Code', 'Developer's API Examples', 'UMLSKs Semantic Resources', 'UMLP & Lexical Resources', 'Metathesaurus Resources', and 'Metathesaurus Resources'. The main area has tabs for 'Metathesaurus', 'Semantic Network', and 'SPECIALIST Lexicon'. A large text box titled 'Perform XML Query' contains the following instructions:

Formed searching allows users to specify the criteria that restrict what concepts from a UMLS source are returned based on their relationships to one or more other concepts. When searching for a term name, the user may also specify the criteria to be used in selecting the context string for the UMLS context value.

The XML query facility allows users to specify a query using the eXtensible Markup Language (XML) dialect defined for the UMLS. This query can be used to retrieve terms and their relationships from the UMLS knowledge base.

For example, the following XML query retrieves all concepts related to 'benign prostatic hyperplasia' via the 'has_finding_site' relationship:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<getRelations version="1.0">
<cui>C005001</cui>
<rel>RO</rel>
<rela>has_finding_site</rela>
<sab>SNOMEDCT</sab>
<sl>SNOMEDCT</sl>
</getRelations>
```

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<?xml version="1.0"?>
<getRelations>
<cui>C0033572</cui>
<rel>RO</rel>
</getRelations>
```

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Part II

How to use the UMLS?

*(3) Installing the UMLS locally and
Customizing the Metathesaurus
using MetamorphoSys*

What is MetamorphoSys?

- ◆ Tool distributed with the UMLS
- ◆ Multi-platform Java software
- ◆ The UMLS installation and customization wizard
 - Installs Knowledge Sources to local storage
 - Subsets and customizes a local Metathesaurus



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Using MetamorphoSys

- ◆ Simple to use
- ◆ Screens and tabs lead you through process
- ◆ Installs NLM data format files to local storage



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Why use MetamorphoSys?

Customize the Metathesaurus

- ◆ To remove terminology that is unhelpful, or even harmful, to your needs and purposes
- ◆ To comply with terms of license agreement



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Why use MetamorphoSys?

Changing Default Settings

- ◆ To alter the preferred name
- ◆ To alter suppressibility of specific source term types



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Customization is Critical

- ◆ Requires a clear understanding of:
 - Characteristics of source vocabularies
 - License arrangements
 - User's functional requirements
 - User's purpose and perspective
- ◆ Technical expertise



... and requires a
multidisciplinary technical team

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Machine Requirements

- ◆ A fast CPU – 1 GHz or higher
- ◆ 1 GB RAM recommended (512 MB min.)
- ◆ 6x (or better) DVD drive
- ◆ 22 GB minimum free disk space

- ◆ Runs on Sun Solaris 8 & 9, Windows XP, NT, and 2000, Linux, and Mac
- ◆ 1-10 hours run time on platforms tested



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Download from UMLSKS ...

- ◆ High speed Internet connection required
 - ◆ Read the README file for the release

 - ◆ 2004AB UMLS Files
- 2004AB.CHK
2004AB.MD5
2004ab-1-meta.nlm
2004ab-2-meta.nlm
2004ab-3-meta.nlm
mmsys.zip
Copyright_Note.txt
README.txt



Please README!

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...or DVD?

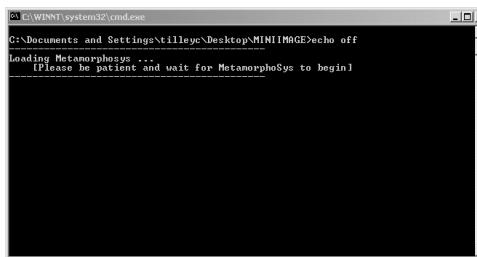
- ◆ Order at: umls_support@nlm.nih.gov
- ◆ **Include your license number**

- ◆ Run MetamorphoSys from DVD
 - Windows
 - Autorun; or go to root directory and click on "windows_mmsys.bat"
 - Linux, Solaris, Macintosh
 - open a terminal window, change to the root directory and type appropriate command: ./linux_mmsys.sh, ./solaris_mmsys.sh, ./macintosh_mmsys.sh



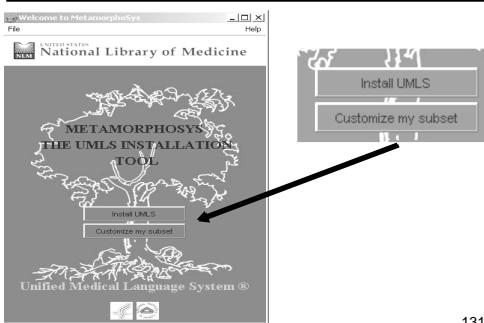
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Be patient! A lot of software must load.



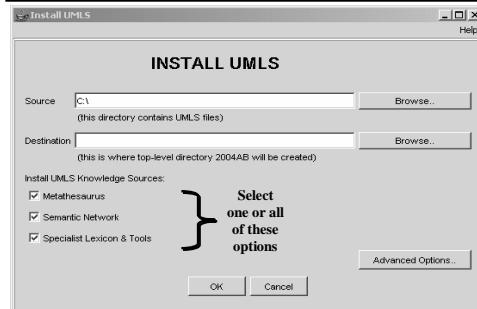
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Welcome Screen

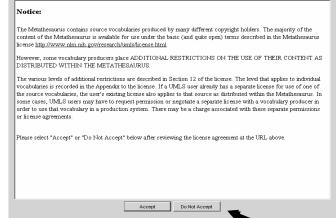
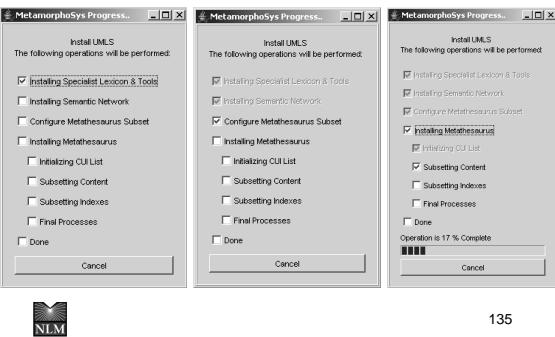
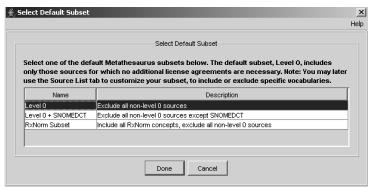
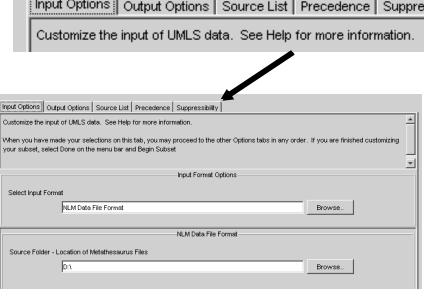
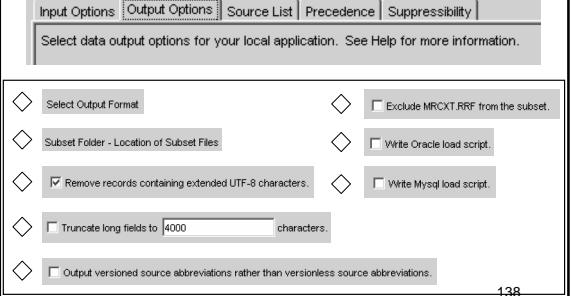


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Install UMLS



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|--|--|
| <h3>Install UMLS Advanced Options</h3>  <p>133</p> | <h3>UMLS License Notice</h3>  <p>NLM</p> <p>Accept Do Not Accept</p> |
| <h3>Installation progress monitor</h3>  <p>135</p> | <h3>Select a default subset</h3>  <p>Level 0 → no separate additional license agreements Level 0 + SNOMEDCT → Non-U.S. users must have separate license agreements RxNorm → no separate additional license agreements</p> <p>136</p> |
| <h3>Input Options Tab</h3>  <p>137</p> | <h3>Output Options Tab</h3>  <p>138</p> |

Source List Tab

Input Options | Output Options | Source List | Precedence | Suppressibility |

Include or exclude source vocabularies for your Metathesaurus subset. See Help

Input Options | Output Options | Source List | Precedence | Suppressibility |

Include or exclude source vocabularies for your Metathesaurus subset. See Help for more information.

Hold down the <Ctrl> key to select multiple rows.

To reset to the default Source List, click on Reset on the menu bar, and select Reset Source List.

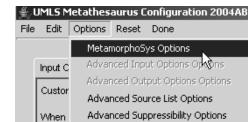
| Sources to Exclude | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------|----------|-------|
| Full Source Name | Source Abbreviation | Source Family | Language | Level |
| AURHELM, 1993 | AR53 | AR | ENG | 0 |
| Alternative Billing Concepts | ALT2003 | ALT | ENG | 3 |
| Augmenting the Metathesaurus, 2000 | ADM2000 | ADM | ENG | 3 |
| Beth Israel Vocabulary, 1.0 | BIS | BIS | ENG | 2 |
| Cancer Clinical Problem Statement System, 1999 | COPSS99 | COPSS | ENG | 3 |
| CHIUSI, Classification Software, 2003 | CCS2003 | CCS | ENG | 0 |
| Corset Dental Terminology (CDT) | CDT | CDT | ENG | 3 |

Highlighted rows are excluded from the subset.

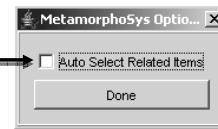
— Highlighted rows are excluded from the subset.

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MetamorphoSys Option Tab



Source list behavior can be changed using the MetamorphoSys Option Tab



If you wish to Auto Select
Related Items check this box

Done

Precedence Tab

- Ranks names by types of terms within sources
- Highest ranking name determines the Preferred Name

Change the ranking of sources and their associated term types to create concept names.

Input Options | Output Options | Source List | Precedence | Supressibility |

Input Options | Output Options | Source List | Precedence | Supressibility |

Cut and paste rows to alter the preferred name

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Cut and
paste rows
to alter the
preferred
name

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Suppressibility Tab

Input Options | Output Options | Source List | Precedence | Suppressibility |

See Help for more information.

| Source | Description |
|--------|--|
| ICP | International Classification of Primary Care, 1993 |
| ICX | International Classification of Primary Care, 1993 |
| HT | International Classification of Primary Care, 1993 |
| PS | International Classification of Primary Care, 1993 |
| PT | International Classification of Primary Care, 1993 |
| PX | International Classification of Primary Care, 1993 |
| XP | ICD-9-CM, 1993 |

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File menu

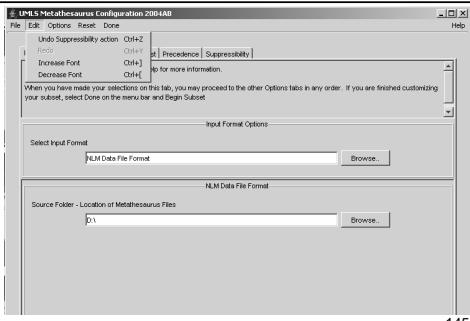
The screenshot shows the configuration interface for the NLM Metathesaurus. It features a standard Windows-style menu bar and a central workspace for defining input formats and source folders.

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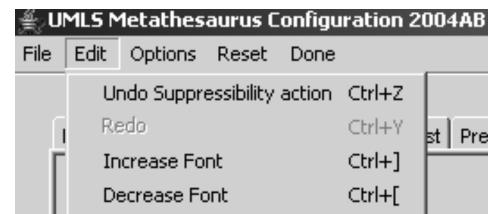
File menu

The screenshot shows the 'File' menu of the UMLS Metathesaurus Configuration 2004AB application. The menu items are: File, Edit, Options, Reset, Done, Enable/Disable Filter (with keyboard shortcut Ctrl+O), Import Filter.. (with keyboard shortcut Ctrl+I), New Configuration.. (with keyboard shortcut Ctrl+N, highlighted with a red box), Open Configuration.. (with keyboard shortcut Ctrl+O), Save Configuration.. (with keyboard shortcut Ctrl+S), and Exit (with keyboard shortcut Ctrl+Q). To the right of the menu, there is a vertical toolbar with icons for Source List and Preferences.

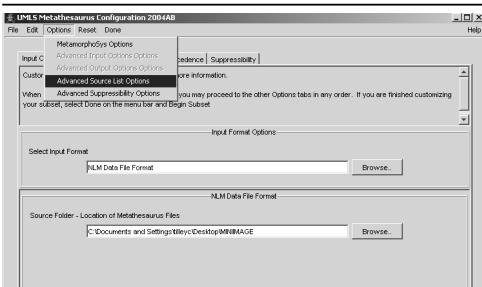
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Edit menu

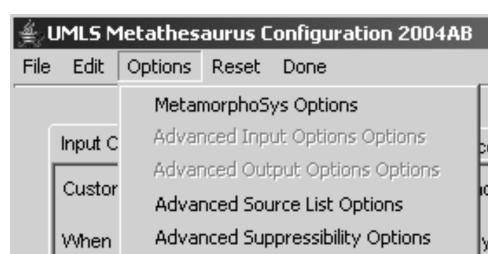
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Edit menu

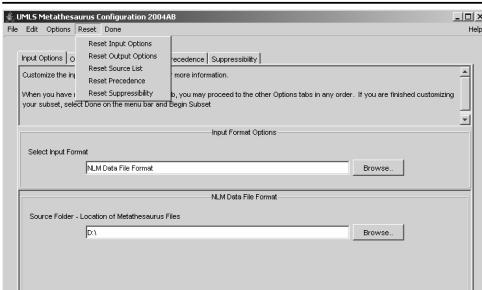
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Options menu

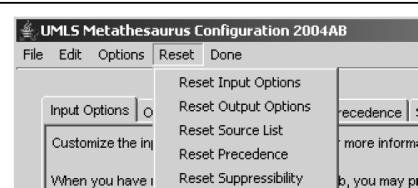
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Options menu

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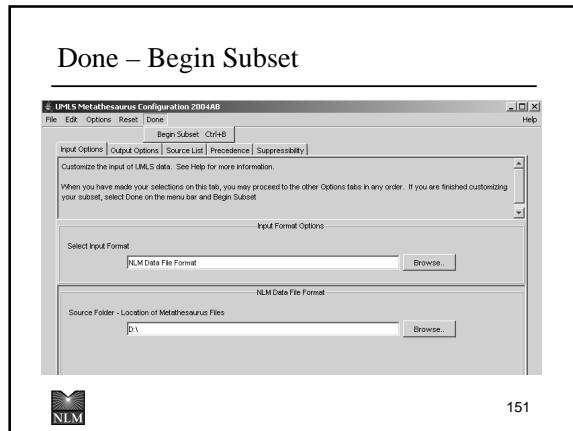
Reset menu

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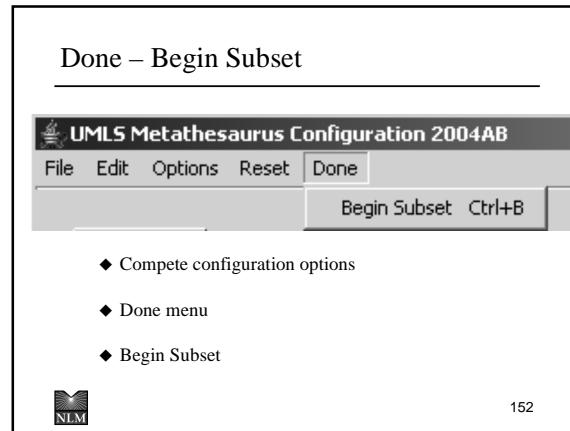
Reset menu

- ◆ Returns all filters to default selections
- ◆ Default selections in "mmsys.prop.default file" in config folder
- ◆ mmsys.prop.default contains properties in last run

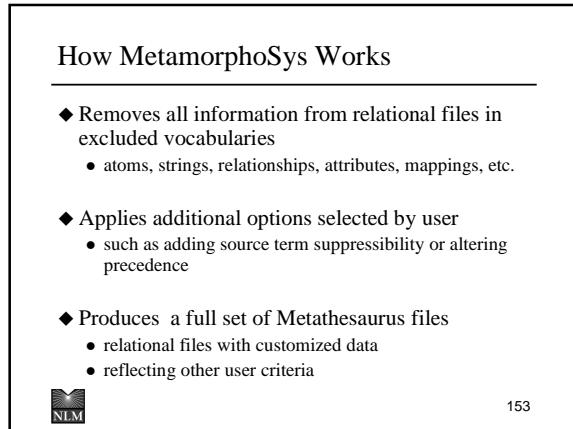
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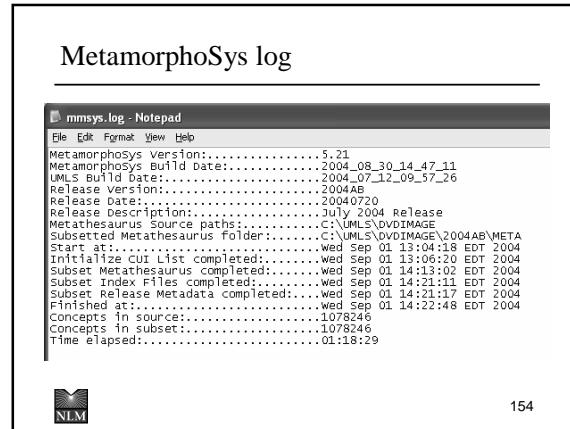
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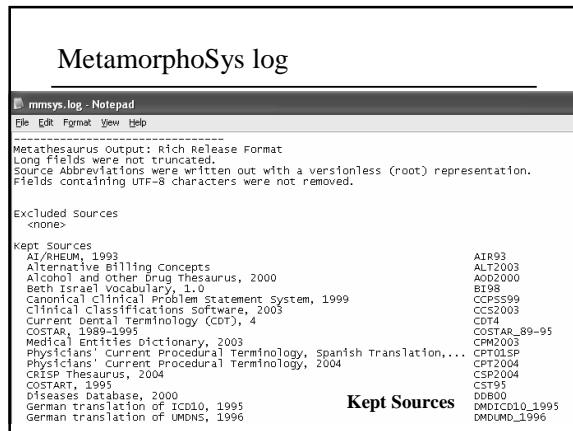
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Kept Sources

| Name | Size | Type |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| CHANGE | | File Folder |
| indexes | | File Folder |
| release.dat | 1 KB | DAT File |
| config.prop | 8 KB | PROP File |
| AMBIGLU.RRF | 1,225 KB | RRF File |
| AMBIGSLU.RRF | 955 KB | RRF File |
| MRCOC.RRF | 809,207 KB | RRF File |
| MRCOLS.RRF | 21 KB | RRF File |
| MRCONSO.RRF | 596,528 KB | RRF File |
| MRCUI.RRF | 9,221 KB | RRF File |
| MRCXT.RRF | 9,391,778 KB | RRF File |
| MRDEF.RRF | 17,172 KB | RRF File |
| MRDOC.RRF | 88 KB | RRF File |
| MRFILES.RRF | 4 KB | RRF File |
| MRHIER.RRF | 899,786 KB | RRF File |
| MRHIST.RRF | 70,843 KB | RRF File |
| MRMAP.RRF | 9,362 KB | RRF File |

Output directory contents

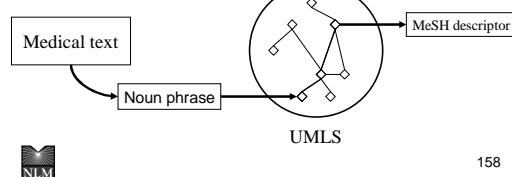
Part II How to use the UMLS?

(4) A UMLS-based algorithm

Indexing Initiative

[Aronson & al., AMA, 2000]

- ◆ For noun phrases extracted from medical texts, map to UMLS concepts
- ◆ Then, select from the MeSH vocabulary the concepts that are the most closely related to the original concepts



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Restrict to MeSH

[Bodenreider & al., AMA, 1998]

- ◆ Based on the principle of semantic locality
- ◆ Use different components of the UMLS
- ◆ 4 techniques of increasing aggressiveness
 - Use Synonymy MRCON + MRSO
 - Use Associated expressions (ATXs) MRATX
 - Explore the Ancestors MRREL + SN
 - Explore the Other related concepts MRREL + SN



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Restrict to MeSH Synonymy

- ◆ Term mapped to Source concept
- ◆ For this concept, is there a synonym term that comes from MeSH? (MRSO)

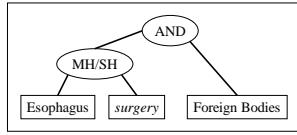


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Restrict to MeSH Assoc. expressions

- ◆ If not,
- ◆ Is there an associated expression (ATX) that describes this concept using a combination of MeSH descriptors? (MRATX)

Endoscopic removal of intraluminal foreign body from oesophagus without incision



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Restrict to MeSH Ancestors

- ◆ If not, let us build the graph of the ancestors of this concept
 - using parents and broader concepts (MRREL)
 - all the way to the top
 - excluding ancestors whose semantic types are not compatible with those of the source concept (MRSTY)
- ◆ From the graph, select the concepts that come from MeSH (MRSO)
- ◆ Remove those that are ancestors of another concept coming from MeSH



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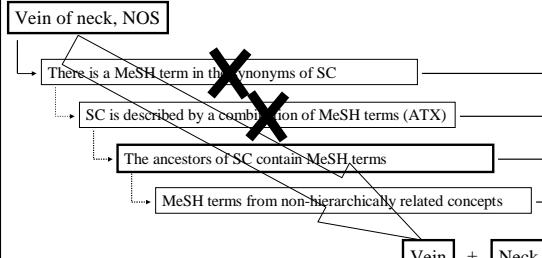
Restrict to MeSH Other related concepts

- ◆ If not, explore the other related concepts (MRREL) whose semantic types are compatible with those of the source concept (MRSTY)
 - ◆ From those, select the concepts that come from MeSH (MRSO)



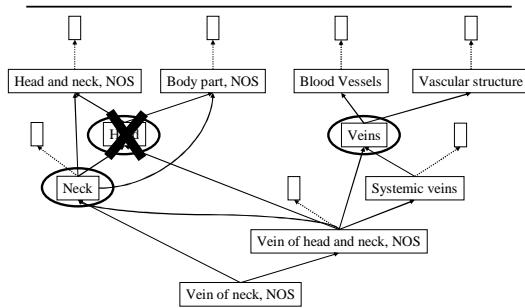
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Restrict to MeSH Example



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Restrict to MeSH Example

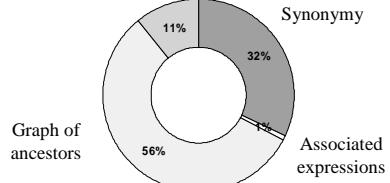


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Restrict to MeSH Quantitative results

- ◆ 82.5% of UMLS concepts mapped to MeSH

Other related concepts



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Restrict to MeSH Qualitative results

- ◆ Qualitative evaluation
 - 1,036 concepts extracted from 200 MEDLINE citations
 - manual review of every mapping or failure
 - ◆ 61% Relevant
 - Subtotal Gastrectomy → Gastrectomy
 - Encephalopathy, NOS → Brain Diseases
 - ◆ 28% More or less relevant
 - Vitamin A measurement → Laboratory Procedure
 - Swelling, NOS → Symptoms
 - ◆ 11% Non relevant



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Part II

How to use the UMLS?

(5) Benefits and Limitations

Benefits

UMLS compared to individual vocabularies

- ◆ Broader scope
- ◆ Extended coverage
- ◆ Finer granularity
- ◆ Unique identifier
- ◆ Synonymous terms clustered into concepts
- ◆ Additional synonyms
- ◆ Additional hierarchical relationships
- ◆ Semantic categorization



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Direct benefits

- ◆ Concept categorization
- ◆ Information retrieval
 - Synonyms
 - Cross-language features
- ◆ Information extraction
 - MetaMap
 - Normalization
- ◆ Information visualization
 - Knowledge Source Server
 - Semantic Navigator



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UMLA as an enabling resource

- ◆ Examples
 - Mapping across vocabularies
 - Semantics of statistical associations
 - Redundancy in hierarchical relations



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Limitations

Limitations

[Cimino, JAMIA, 1998]

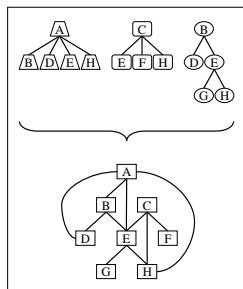
- ◆ Structural inconsistency
 - Cycles in the graph of hierarchical relations
- ◆ Semantic inconsistency
 - Between Metathesaurus and Semantic Network
- ◆ Missing relations
 - Synonymy
 - Hierarchical relations (missing or underspecified)



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Structural inconsistency From trees to graph

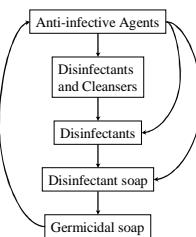
- ◆ Multiple tree structures combined into a graph structure
- ◆ Directed acyclic graph (DAG)



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Structural inconsistency There are some cycles



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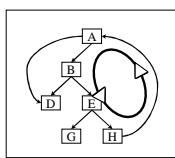
Structural inconsistency Issues

◆ Theoretical

- Violate the antisymmetry property of partial ordering relations

◆ Practical

- Loops in graph traversal
- Impossible to perform transitive reduction



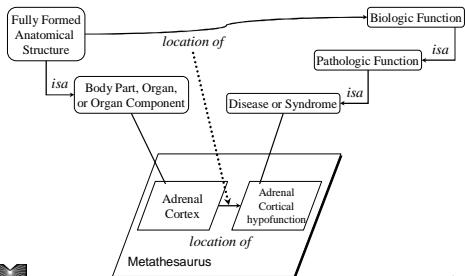
[Bodenreider, AMIA 2001]

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Semantic inconsistency A two-level structure

Semantic Network



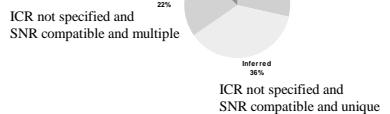
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Semantic inconsistency A limited study

◆ 6894 interconcept relationships

- among the 3764 concepts in the semantic neighborhood of "Heart"



McCray A.T, Bodenreider O. A conceptual framework for the biomedical domain.
In: Green R, Bean CA, Myaeng SH, editors. *The semantics of relationships: an interdisciplinary perspective*. Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers; 2002. p. 181-198.



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Semantic inconsistency Issues

◆ The UMLS integrates what terminologies represent

◆ Hierarchies in source vocabularies

- Often task-driven rather than based on principles
- Usually suitable for information retrieval
- Not necessarily suitable for reasoning

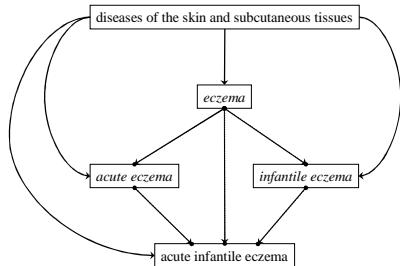
◆ No automatic correction possible

- Wrong categorization
- Wrong inter-concept relationship
- [Wrong semantic network relationship]



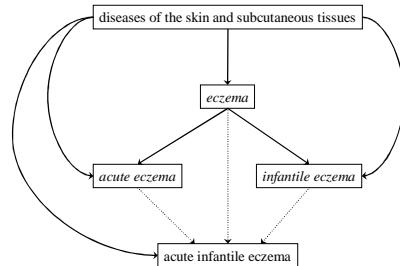
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Missing relations Example



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Missing relations Example



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Missing relations A limited study

- ◆ 28,851 pairs of terms
 - Original SNOMED term
 - Demodified term (found in UMLS)
- ◆ Corresponding relationship in the Metathesaurus
 - Hierarchical in 50% of the cases
 - « Sibling » in 25% of the cases
 - Missing in 25% of the cases

[Bodenreider & al., TIA, 2001]

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Compensation mechanisms

- ◆ Examples
 - Removing cycles from hierarchical relations
 - Using redundancy (number of sources asserting the relation)
 - Using terminological knowledge (e.g., NEC)
 - Lexically-suggested hyponymic relations
 - Properties of adjectival modification

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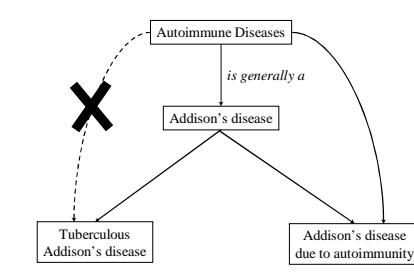
More limitations

- ◆ Meaning of *isa*
- ◆ Some missing / wrong relations are hard to detect
- ◆ Some relations are present but hard to find

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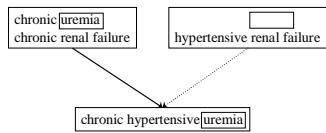
Meaning of *isa*



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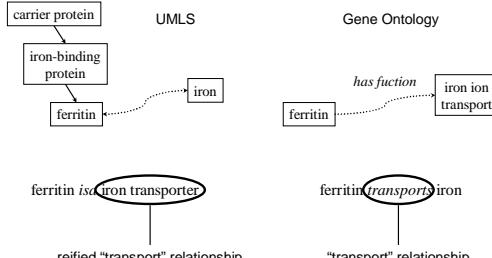
Relations Missing and difficult to detect



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Relations Existing but difficult to find



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How to address these limitations?

- ◆ Description logics
- ◆ Natural Language Processing
(semantic interpretation of the terms)
- ◆ Comparing knowledge sources
(alignment, inference)

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UMLS Overview

- ◆ UMLS = 3 Knowledge Sources
 - Metathesaurus
 - Semantic Network
 - SPECIALIST Lexicon and Lexical Tools
- ◆ MetamorphoSys
 - installs
 - customizes
- ◆ UMLSKS
 - remote access
 - resources and documentation



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Summary



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Documentation and Support

UMLS documentation and support

- ◆ UMLS homepage <http://umlsinfo.nlm.nih.gov/>
 - with links to all other UMLS information
- ◆ UMLSKS homepage <http://umlsks.nlm.nih.gov/>
 - with links to the User's and Developer's guides
- ◆ Email address for support custserv@nlm.nih.gov



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Appendix 1

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MRCONSO (sample rows 1..5)

(2004AB)

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| 4 MDR | LT 10052381 | Primary adrenal insufficiency | | 3 | N | |
| 5 MSHFRE | MH D000224 | Addison, maladie | | 3 | N | |

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MRCONSO (sample rows 6..10)

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MRCONSO (sample rows 11-13)

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MRHIER (sample rows)

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(2004AB)

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MRSTY

(2004AB)

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Appendix 2

UMLS files in Original Release Format

MRSO Sources (2003AA)

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MRDEF Definitions (2003AA)

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[...]



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MRSTY Semantic Types (2003AA)

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C0001406|T083|Geographic Area|
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[...]



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MRATX Associated Expressions (2003AA)

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Unilateral congenital dislocation of hip
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Suture of bladder
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Corneal abrasion
C0010032|[MSH|RO|<Cornea>/<injuries>]
CORRECTIVE LENS PROBLEM
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Chronic cough
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Cyst and pseudocyst of pancreas
C0010623|[MSH|SY|<pancreatic Cyst> OR <Pancreatic Pseudocyst>]
Cystitis
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[...]



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MRCXT Contexts (2003AA)

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MRSAT Simple concept attributes (2003AA)

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SRDEF Basic information

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STY TUT STY/RL STN/RTX DEF EX UN NH ABR RIN
 STY|T001[Organism|Al.1.|General, a living individual, including all plants and animals.|Homozygote; Radiation Chimaera; Sporocyst|||||
 STY|T002[Plant|Al.1.1.|An organism having cellulose cell walls, growing by mitosis, and lacking the power of locomotion. Plant parts are included here as well.|Pollen; Potatoes; Vegetables|||||
 STY|T003[Alga|Al.1.1.1.|chiefly aquatic plant that contains chlorophyll, but does not form embryo during development and lacks vascular tissue.|Chlorophyll; Laminaria; Seaweed|||||
 STY|T004[Fungus|Al.1.1.2.|A eukaryotic organism characterized by the absence of chlorophyll and the presence of a rigid cell wall. Included here are both slime molds and true fungi such as yeasts, molds, mildews, and mushrooms.|Aspergillus clavatus; Blastomyces; Helminthosporium; Neurospora|||||
 [...]|||
 RL|T12[physically_related_to|RL|Related by virtue of some physical attribute or characteristic.|[]|P|[physically_related_to|
 RL|T13[part_of|RL|Composes, with one or more other physical units, some larger whole. This includes component of, division of, portion of, fragment of, section of, and layer of.|[]|PT|has[
 [...]|||
 RL|T16[isa|W|The basic hierarchical link in the Network. If one item "isa" another item then the first item is more specific in meaning than the second item.|[]|IS|inverse_isa|
 [...]|||



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SRSTR Structure

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| | | |
|---|--------|---|
| STY/RL | RL | STY/RL |
| Biologic Function affects Organism D | | LS |
| Biologic Function isa Natural Phenomenon or Process D | | |
| Biologic Function process_of Organism D | | |
| Biologic Function produces Biologically Active Substance D | | |
| Biologic Function produces Body Substance D | | |
| [...] | | |
| Disease or Syndrome conceptually_related_to Experimental Model of Disease DNI | | |
| Disease or Syndrome isa Pathologic Function D | | |
| Disease or Syndrome produces Tissue D | | |
| [...] | | |
| Medical Device isa Manufactured Object D | | |
| Medical Device prevents Injury or Poisoning D | | |
| Medical Device prevents Pathologic Function D | | |
| Medical Device treats Injury or Poisoning D | | |
| Medical Device treats Pathologic Function D | | |
| Medical Device treats Sign or Symptom D | | |
| [...] | | |
| Medical Process process_of Plant B | blocks | Biologic Function process_of Organism D |
| [...] | | |
| part_of isa physically_related_to D | | |
| [...] | | |



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SRSTRE2 Structure (expanded)

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STY RL STY
 Disease or Syndrome|isa|Pathologic Function|
 Disease or Syndrome|isa|Biologic Function|
 Disease or Syndrome|isa|Natural Phen. or Pr.|
 Disease or Syndrome|isa|Natural Phenomenon or Process|
 Disease or Syndrome|isa|Event|
 Disease or Syndrome|affects|Algae|
 Disease or Syndrome|affects|Amphibian|
 Disease or Syndrome|affects|Animal|
 Disease or Syndrome|affects|Archaea|
 Disease or Syndrome|affects|Bacteria|
 Disease or Syndrome|affects|Biologic Function|
 Disease or Syndrome|affects|Bird|
 Disease or Syndrome|affects|Cell Function|
 Disease or Syndrome|affects|Cell or Molecular Dysfunction|
 [...]|||



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